

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A device for capturing body tissue samples, comprising: an elongate body having a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen therethrough, said proximal end being configured to couple with a vacuum source to allow a vacuum to be selectively drawn through the lumen of the elongate body, said distal end configured to contact a body tissue sample prior to resection and configured to house a collection bag for temporary storage of resected tissue, said distal end further comprising a manually operable stop mechanism configured to selectively reduce an inner diameter of the lumen.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 11, further comprising a means for activating the stop mechanism.

14. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 11, wherein the collection bag is formed of a biocompatible material.

15. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 14, wherein the collection bag is formed of silicone.

16. (Currently amended) The device of Claim 11, said stop mechanism is configured distal end further comprising a separator to inhibit the body tissue sample from being drawn into the elongate body.

17. (Currently amended) The device of Claim 16, wherein the separator said stop mechanism creates a region of decreased diameter at the distal end of the elongate body.

18. (Currently amended) The device of Claim 17, said stop mechanism separator configured to selectively control the vacuum to reduce an inner diameter of the distal end, wherein the separator is selectively activated to inhibit the tissue sample from being drawn into the elongate body by reducing the inner diameter.